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"It's true that all the world's a stage – and most people want to occupy the critic's seat."

Appingham extends sympathy to the Cobb family, the Carr Family, and all who have lost loved ones in death.

Out of town guests of Mrs. Vinia Kress during the holidays were Mrs. Marie Ball and Manoel of Marion, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kress of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryant of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bryant and Jamie were among the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Godsey of Ashland.

Mr. Gordon Groome of Richmond was a recent dinner guest of Miss Shirley Gowin, at her parents home in Dillwyn.

Those calling on the P. M. Gunter family recently, other than relatives were: Rev. D. H. Justus, B. R. Martin and son, Buddy Vaughan, Ernie Cavey, Bill Pryor, Ernest Carter, Johnny and Butch Bondurant.

Chris Gunter was the overnight guest of Paul Gunter Jr. on Friday.

Miss Donna Gunter has been on our sick list for 2 weeks. She has improved but has not returned to school. Get well wishes are also extended to Mrs. Lena Bagby who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Scruggs and Tracey of Richmond spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Scruggs.

ST. LUKE

The day was cold and brisk but a nice crowd attended the Sunday School Union, Nov. 30 at the St. Andrews Church. Rev. G. N. Marshall is pastor.

Rev. T. M. Venerable, president, was present, and had charge of the meeting. Mrs. H. Venerable was at the piano. The Union Choir sang special numbers.

Rev. G. N. Marshall preached for the day. His text was Deut. 33:27, The eternal God is Thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Mrs. Miller conducted the Bible Quiz. The offering for the day was $134.87. The scholarship fund raised was $310.05.

The ladies of the Church served a nice lunch at the Church.

Rev. James Franklin will be in charge of the preaching services at the St. Luke Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to come.

December 14 at 7:30 there will be a candlelight service at the St. Luke Church. Please come!

Eye Research Grant Awarded

RICHMOND – Dr. Walter Mayer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Old Dominion Eye Bank today announced the awarding of a research grant by the eye bank to the Department of Ophthimology for the Medical College of Virginia.

The grant, in the amount of $5,000, will support the continuation of a special research project into the cause of blindness which was initiated last year by Dr. Walter Geeraets, Department Director.

Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research, Inc., whose promary objective is to act as a receiving and distribution facility for human eye tissue in eastern Virginia, also engages in research, principally through research grants, designed to expand medical knowledge of the causes and cure of blindness.

The Lions Clubs of eastern Virginia constitute the primary support of the Old Dominion Bank. Some 7,000 Lions members in the area are actively engaged in a program to encourage the signing of eye-donor pledge cards by those willing to donate eye tissue, on death, for human transplantation. In literally scores of cases each year in the area covered by the Old Dominion Eye Bank, blind individuals have their sight restored through transplantation of corneal tissue supplied free of charge under this program.

Information regarding the donation of human eye tissue may be secured by writing Old Dominion Eye Bank, 408 North 12th Street, Richmond, Va., or by checking with any member of a local Lions Club.

Forest Fires kill wildlife!

The Pastor Speaks

THE UNUSUAL BIRTH

MATT. 1:18–25

This being the month of December, we shall make a study of the Birth of Christ for the next four weeks. First I call to your attention that His birth was UNUSUAL. He was indeed born of a virgin. His birth was unusual in it's manner. The place He was born in was prophesied hundreds of years before he was born. (Micah 5:2). The plans for His life were foretold before His birth. (Isaiah 9:6) His parents were described before He was born. (Isaiah 7:14) The purpose for His birth was announced by an angel of God. (Matt. 1:21) "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

His birth was unusual also in it's manifestations. His name was called "Immanuel", which means "God with us." (Matt.1:23) He is the "word incarnate". (John 1:1,2,14) He is "God manifest in the flesh". (1 Tim.3:16) He now declares (reveals) the Father. (John 1:18)

His birth was also unusual in it's meaning. He was born "The Saviour of the world." (Matt. 1:21) He came "To seek and to save the lost". (Luke 19:10) He was born "to die" (John 3:16)

Have you by faith trusted Christ as your Saviour? If not do so today. Next week we will continue with "The Unwanted Birth."

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE STRANGE WAY

Lesson for December 7, 1969

Background Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-7; 11:1-10; 52:13 through 53:12; 61:1-3; Micah 5:2-4, Devotional Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3.

Recently a little boy caused a furor in the toy department of a large department store when he walked up to the Santa Claus there and punched him in the nose! "I told you I wanted a bicycle," he shouted, "not a scooter, you idiot!"

That little boy is like many of us: we do not like to be disappointed when we have set our hearts upon something. We know what we want and close our eyes to anything else that might be offered in its place. We reject any substitutes.

The Rejected Messiah

This is what happened when Jesus came into the world. He was God's most wonderful gift to men, yet many rejected him because he did not fit the description of the messenger from God. What they were expecting was someone who would bring back their freedom and sovereignty. The man to bring this about, they reasoned, would have to be a man of power, one who could force the nations to respect them. Jesus did not fit that description.

The prophet Isaiah had foreseen the need for the kind of ministry which Jesus performed. His fifty-third chapter is a description of just such a suffering servant. Instead of being a hundsome leader, the servant of God would be a man without "beauty." Instead of one who would be admired and accepted, he would be "despised and rejected." Not a man of obvious personal success, he would be "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. "Not a conqueror who subjects his foes, God's servant would be one who "was oppressed." Strangest of all, instead of punishing others for their sins, he himself would be punished for the sins of others.

The Servant Messiah

We can understand why the "suffering servant" of Isaiah 53 was hardly a popular concept with the Jews. How could they ever win back their self-respect with that kind of image? How could they prevail over their enemies with such a cowardly approach? What would this ever bring them but more suffering and humiliation?

Yet, in Isaiah's prophecy there are two new and startling ideas that actually provide the answers to all these questions:

Sovereignty through servanthood!

Victory through defeat!

Although the prophet wrote of the "suffering servant" more than twenty-seven hundred years ago, these two concepts still strike men as "new and startling ideas." Like the people of Judah, most of us look to physical force as the only means of establishing authority and order. The image of the "suffering servant" is no more popular with us than it was when these words were first written.

Nevertheless, Isaiah knew the futility of force. He knew it could not accomplish long-lasting results. Try to force your ideas on someone and often, no matter how good the idea is, they will resist it. The Jews had not been able to force anyone else to worship their God and live by his laws. Their military power never converted anyone.

The Victorious Servant

Isaiah pointed to a revolutionary new way to bring their enemies to God: vicarious suffering. This means is to suffer willingly for the sake of someone else. Instead of impressing their foes with the power of their hatred and violence (their enemies were really better at this anyway), they would witness with the strength of their service. In the long run, their suffering servanthood would be more powerful than anyone's hate.

A strange way to conquer, is it not? Yet, this is God's way and, because it is, it was also Christ's way. This is how he conquered, it is also the way he set before us. Are we any closer to accepting that way today than were those who rejected him when he came among us almost twenty centuries ago?

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Deaths

...Y ANN TWEED

...Tweed, 10, of Pamplin ...Wednesday night from ...received in an automo... on Interstate Rt. ...County.

...Lynchburg, she was a ...of Robert Edwin Tweed ...Linda Shelton Tweed of ...

...her parents, she is ...by two sisters, Donna ...Tweed and Kimberly ...of Pamplin, and her ...grandparents, Glenn E. ...Farrar, Ga. and Mrs. ...Hills of Richmond.

...services were con... 3:30 p.m. Saturday ...Funeral Home. ...place in Pamplin ...Cemetery.

...N K. HARRIS

...Hoskie Harris, 69, of ...Road, died at 5:45 p.m. ...Lynchburg General ...

...Appomattox County, ...son of the late Mr. ...Hilbert Williams Harris. ...retired merchant. He ...member of Euclid Avenue ...Church.

...are his widow, Mrs. ...Harris; two daughters, ...W. L. Pickett of Hot ...and Mrs. Harry F. Shel... ...Virginia; two brothers, ...Harris and Courtlin ...and a sister, Mrs. ...Eldridge of Lynchburg ...grandchildren.

...services were con... 2 p.m. Monday at Dis... Funeral Chapel. Burial ...in Fort Hill Memorial ...

...E. F. WOOD

...services for George ...Wood, 73, of Eastbrook ...conducted at 11 a.m. ...at Delphi Memorial ...Burial took place in the ...family cemetery in Am...

...Wednesday, Nov. 26, ...Lynchburg General Hospital. ...Appomattox, he was ...of Edmond and Rosa ...was a retired truck ...the Lynchburg Fuel ...

...survived by three sisters ...Almond of Lynchburg, ...Rose Pugh of Amherst, ...Maggie Plunkett of ...burg.

...EPH M. COBB

...McNeal Cobb, 69, of ...died at 4:45 p.m. Satur... ...Lynchburg General Hos... ...was the husband of Mrs. ...Charlton Cobb.

...Prince Edward County ...son of Archer W. Cobb ...Sarah Bunch Cobb. He was a ...automobile dealer and a ...of Zion Baptist Church, ...a former member of ...Town Council.

...addition to his widow, he ...by a son, J. M. Cobb ...Pamplin, two sisters, Sal... ...Farmville of Hopewell and ...Owen C. Willis of Rich... ...two grandchildren.

...services were con... 3 p.m. Monday in Rob... Funeral Home by the Revs. ...Perry and R. P. Welch. ...place in Pamplin

JOSEPH L. MORTON

Norfolk – Joseph Lynch Morton, 45, of Norfolk, died Saturday in Norfolk.

Born in Lynchburg, he was the son of Irene Stephens Morton of Lynchburg and the late Harry Almon Morton. He was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Moose Lodge No. 39 and Pythian No. 106.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his widow, Mattie Needham Morton; two sons Joseph L. Morton Jr. of the U. S. Air Force and Mike Morton; two daughters, Mrs. Ed Todd of Lumberton, N.C. and Mrs. Linda Ball; four brothers, Harry A. Morton Jr. and Floyd L. Morton of Lynchburg, Samuel T. Morton of North Charleston, S. C. and Edwa M. Morton of Appomattox; two sisters, Mrs. Raymond M. Hamilton of Lynchburg and Mrs. Kenneth Jordan of Chapmanville, W. Va. and five grandchildren.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Electro-Ag Plans Underway

Plans are proceeding for county participation in Electro Ag '70, the Virginia Agricultural Materials Handling Exposition consisting of exhibits, demonstrations and literature on equipment for saving labor and increasing farm production efficiency. This will be a two-day exposition Wednesday-Thursday January 21-22 at the Richmond Arena.

In recent planning sessions professional agricultural workers and others have again decided, as for the previous Electro Ag Exposition in Richmond, to invite farmers to pool cars and go as a group.

Meeting in the planning session were G.L. James, Tommy Johnson, Bill Hunter, Bob Cimmy, J. N. Jennings, H. B. Pack, James A. Smith. Persons interested in going are asked to meet at the Appomattox County cannery at 8 a.m. Jan. 21.

Automobile drivers will include Bob Martin, Bill Hunter, J. N. Jennings, H. B. Pack and J. A. Smith.

Social Security Questions & Answers

Social security can pay $50,000 or more in benefits to the family of a younger worker if he dies or becomes severly disabled before his children are grown.

Social Security District Manager W. J. Vinson, disclosing the figures today, said he doubted that one in ten Americans realizes how much protection social security provides young families in the form of disability and survivors' insurance.

In fact, social security is so much a protective umbrella for the young that one out of eight people who receive social security benefits each month is under 18.

The number of children getting social security checks, Mr. Vinson noted, has increased from 54,648 when the cash benefits started 29 years ago to over 3 million at present. Make that figure 4-1/4 million if you add in kids who are receiving benefits between ages 18 and 22 while they are attending school.

Why so many young and middle-aged beneficiaries? The law has changed over the years, Mr. Vinson pointed out, to protect families faced with loss of income because their breadwinner is too disabled to work, as well as the families where the breadwinner has died.

A million and a third disabled workers under 65 are now drawing social security disability benefits to offset income loss, and payments are going to an additional million of their dependents. The average monthly payment for a disabled worker's family with children is $235, the official declared.

When a worker applies for these benefits he is also referred to his state rehabilitation agency so that he can be considered for rehabilitation services. These services can help many disabled people to go back to work, if not at their old jobs, at new jobs for which they have been specially trained. Social security often pays money to the rehabilitation agencies to help meet the cost of rehabilitating disabled workers.

For further information contact the local Social Security office which is located in Room 101 of the Tarkington Building at 2600 Memorial Avenue in Lynchburg, Virginia and the telephone number is 847-8856. The service is free and a trained representative will be available to help you. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and from 8:30 until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of each week.

Young Women

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and as teacher of the Young Adult Sunday School Class.

She has been active in establishing the "Hi Neighbor" project in the Delta Zeta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. Through this project newcomers to town are welcomed with a map, letter from the Chamber of Commerce and discount coupons and gifts from merchants.

She has volunteered many hours in service to the Bloodmobile and in helping to organize support for this county's participation in the Community Mental Health Services Board of Central Virginia.

Veterans Corner

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q – I plan an extensive vacation which will involve considerable commercial flying. If I should accidentally be killed during one of these flights, would Y G. I. insurance be affected?

A – If you mean will your G.I. insurance be paid to your beneficiary, the answer is yes. There is no "flight" restriction clause in G. I. insurance policies.

Q – I am a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict with two years service and did not complete high school before entering the service. Would I be able to finish high school at government expense?

A – Yes. In fact, there is a special program set up for Viet Nam veterans who have not completed high school. The financial assistance you receive to get a high school diploma will not use up the entitlement you have earned for education beyond high school.

Q – If the wife of a totally disabled veteran wants to take advantage of the new educational opportunity, must she go to school full time? She often has children, as well as her husband, to care for.

A – Part - time training is authorized for widows and wives of disabled veterans with $95 the monthly allowance for three-fourths time and $60 for half-time training.

GLENDALE

Herman Nash, Jr., who is stationed in Germany with the Army was elected November's soldier of the month.

Mr. H. P. Thompson was honored with a Surprise 81st Birthday party. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thompson and Danny, Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Teresa, Pete and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. David Tweedy and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Thayer and Patty. Happy Birthday!

Miss Jean Holt and Miss Brenda Holt were home for Thanksgiving. Mr. Copie Morton also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Holt over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Marshall had the following for Thanksgiving Bobby, Mike and Catherine also Miss Cookie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr. and Karen, Hunter and Jenny.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr. and children spent Saturday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tibbs spent Sunday in Richmond visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Tibbs.

Mr. Herbert Shirey was home for Thanksgiving visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shirey.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thayer and Patty had the following for Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thompson and Danny, Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Teresa, Pete and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. David Tweedy and Ronnie, Mr. H. P. Thompson, Mrs. Katie Holt, Jean and Brenda and Capie Morton, Mrs. Eula Nash and Richard Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Marshall, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howerton and girls visited in the same home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hunter Nash spent Monday with Mr. Buford Nash who is still a patient in Lynchburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash and Carolyn were Thanksgiving guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin.

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